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Special Information Regarding Hurricane Isabel Relief Efforts

General Information: Mayor Williams strongly encourages everyone to use public transportation today as DC is expecting serious traffic problems due to inoperable traffic signals and some blocked lanes on our roads. Concerns remain for flooding over the next several days along the Potomac River and its tributaries. Widespread power outages, downed wires and downed trees have caused severe damage to streets and sidewalks throughout the city. Food distribution centers will be operating throughout the District and will open at noon for lunch and 5pm for dinner. (See "Food Distribution" section.)

Local and Federal Declaration of Emergency: The District's Declaration of Emergency remains in effect. On Saturday, September 20, President Bush authorized the use of federal disaster funds and emergency resources for the District to help families and business recover from the effects of Isabel. The declaration covers damage to private property from Isabel beginning on September 18. Affected residents and business owners in the District may begin the disaster application process by calling (800) 621-FEMA or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free numbers will be available beginning Sunday, September 21, from 7am-midnight seven days a week until further notice.

Metro: On Monday, Metrorail will operate on a regular schedule and Metrobus is utilizing snow emergency routes in areas where trees are down. Visit www.wmata.com.

PEPCO: As of 6am, Monday, 56,149 customers were without power in the District and crews remain working. Residents are encouraged to report downed electric wires and power outages at the following numbers:

Number to call for downed wires: (202) 872-3432
Number to call for power outages: (877) PEPCO-62

Food Distribution: The following facilities will be food distribution sites:

- Moten Elementary, 1565 Morris Rd, SE
- Drew Elementary, 5600 Eads St., NE
- Spingarn HS, 2500 Benning Rd., NE
- H.D. Cooke Elementary, 2525 17th Street, NW
- Brightwood Elementary, 1300 Nicholson St., NW
- Birney Elementary, 2501 MLK Ave., SE
- Ron Brown Middle School, 4800 Meade St., SE
- Hart Middle School, 601 Mississippi Ave., SE
- Green Elementary, 1500 Mississippi Ave., SE
- Miner Elementary, 601 15th St., NE
- Sousa Middle School, 3650 Ely Pl., SE
- Nalle Elementary, 219 50th St., SE

Food distribution will be today (Monday, 9/22) at noon for lunch and 5pm for dinner. Note: If you are picking up certificates or meals for an elderly or homebound neighbor, please bring that resident's identification with you to the distribution site.

Ice: Beginning again at 9am today (Monday, 9/22), bulk ice will be available at four locations while supplies last. Residents should bring coolers to:

- DC General, 19th St. and Massachusetts Ave., SE (doctor's parking lot)
- Backus Junior High, 5171 South Dakota Ave., NE
- Turner Elementary, 3264 Stanton Rd., SE
- Murch Elementary, 4810 36th St., NW

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The ice is packaged in 5-pound bags for ease of transport. Residents will be limited to one bag of ice per person. If you are picking up ice for an elderly or homebound neighbor, please bring that resident's identification with you to the distribution site. More than 466,000 pounds of liquid ice has been distributed to residents.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD): Residents are encouraged to reserve 911 for life threatening or other extremely serious emergencies. Please do not call 911 for non-emergencies.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT): Most major highways, primary and secondary roads have been cleared for traffic. Many roads or portions of roads remain impassable at this time due to downed trees. Residents should call (202) 727-1000 to report road damage.

Approximately 168 traffic lights are reported down. MPD is directing traffic at 47 major intersections and temporary STOP signs have been installed at two dozen other intersections. Residents must use extreme caution at intersections: All intersections with disabled traffic lights should be treated as four-way stops.

Department of Public Works (DPW): Normal parking enforcement has resumed, including rush hour and metered parking restrictions. Emergency parking restrictions have been lifted. Trash collection will resume Monday, pending access to the area of collection. Street sweeping will resume pending access to streets. If power lines or trees block a street or alley, trucks will not be able to get to those areas. Bulk collections are suspended. Customers will be contacted to reschedule appointments. Nighttime litter can collection is on schedule. Citizens should call (202) 727-1000 if their cars have been towed.

Residents are asked to rake small debris, like leaves and twigs, and set them out at the regular point of collection. Flood debris and larger limbs and branches should be carried to the curb for collection. Large debris resulting from major tree removal done by District work crews will be picked up as soon as possible.

Food safety is a critical issue for residents who have been without power since the storm. Many

refrigerated and frozen foods should now be discarded. Food from refrigerators should be emptied into heavy garbage bags, tied and put into trash containers with tight-fitting lids.

Shelters: Johnson Junior High School is open and operating as a shelter.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): All DMV facilities will be open except the Penn Branch Service Center (no power) and C Street (normally closed on Mondays). Penalties resulting from failure to transact business on days that DMV offices close due to weather will be waived. Previously scheduled hearings and road test appointments will be rescheduled. Booted and towed vehicles not retrieved already can be retrieved on Monday, September 22. Vehicles due for inspection or registration renewal will be granted a three-day extension and will not be liable for tickets issued for failure to report for inspection and/or failure to display current license plates during the closure or extension period.

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA): DCRA encourages residents to ensure that contractors performing work at or around their homes are properly licensed in DC. Call (202) 442-4311 for further information.

Department of Mental Health (DMH): Residents needing mental health services to help cope with the effects of the storm can call (888) 7-WE-HELP.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR): Free-standing recreation centers in communities with power will operate from 11:30am - 8pm.

Volunteers: DC is looking for volunteers to help elderly and homebound residents cope with the storm, and assist in medical transports, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.dc.gov or call (202) 727-1000.

Additional Information: Additional information can be obtained at www.dc.gov.

Please Note: The above information is valid today (Monday, 9/22). For updates and general information, please call (202) 727-1000; or go to: www.dc.gov.

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Federal Opportunities

Improvement of Postsecondary Education--Comprehensive Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education or combinations of those institutions and other nonprofit institutions and agencies. The deadline for applications is March 22, 2004. Approximately \$39 million is available to fund 50-55 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$275,000. For further information, contact Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) at (202) 502-7500; or go to: <http://www.tgei.com/fedrgrtxt/03-23889.txt>.

Next Generation Grants. *The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)* announces funds for innovative strategies to effectively engage volunteers in service, which result in measurable outcomes to beneficiaries and participants. Eligible applicants include nonprofit charitable organizations, community-based and faith-based organizations, private foundations, and individual schools. The deadline for applications is November 17, 2003. Approximately \$4 million is available. For further information, contact Shanika Ratliff at (202) 606-5000 x 408 or nextgeneration@cns.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgei.com/fedrgrtxt/03-23525.txt>.

Rehabilitation Long-Term Training--Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds for projects that provide basic or advanced training or programs of study leading to a degree or certificate in areas of personnel shortage in rehabilitation. Eligible applicants include state and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2003. Approximately \$3.6 million is available to fund 24 awards of \$150,000 each. For further information, contact Edward R. Smith at (202) 205-0136 or edward.smith@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.tgei.com/fedrgrtxt/03-23741.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, due September 26, 2003.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO), Grant-In-Aid, due October 17, 2003, at 3pm.

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), due December 15, 2003, at 5pm.

Foundation Opportunities

At-Risk Youth. *The Home Depot Foundation* believes that young people need safe places to play and learn, leadership programs that teach skills through community engagement and job readiness training. The Foundation supports these types of programs that serve at-risk youth ages 12-18. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2003. Grants range from \$5,000-\$25,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/hdfoundation.html>.

Ward 1 Social Justice. *The All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund* was established to: enhance the influence of All Souls Church in the Washington Metropolitan area; help to make the immediate community where the Church is located a more cohesive, attractive and forward looking community; and foster human rights and dignity. The Fund is grounded in a commitment to social change

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philanthropy and seeks to fund efforts that work for social justice. Eligible applicants include organizations that meet the following criteria: established 501(c)(3) or new organizations/projects that have access to a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor; located in and serving Ward 1 (city-wide organizations carrying out substantive and targeted work in Ward 1 will not be excluded); and have budgets less than \$1 million annually. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is October 16, 2003. Grants range between \$5,000-\$10,000. Submit completed application to All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund, 1500 Harvard Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. For further information, contact All Souls Church, Beckner Information line, at (202) 332-5266 x18 or becknerfund@yahoo.com; or go to: <http://www.all-souls.org/socialjustice/grants/beckner.htm>.

Resources & Announcements

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

The State Education Office (SEO) will host a technical assistance workshop to help all new program participants in completing the FY2004 CACFP application. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 9am-noon, SEO conference room, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 350 North, Washington, DC. For further information, contact the CACFP Unit at (202) 724-7655 or go to: http://seo.dc.gov/services/food_nutrition/cacfp.shtm.

Federal Government Grant Find and Apply Initiatives. *The e-Grants Initiative (also called Grants.gov)* is one of 24 e-Government programs that the Federal Government has mandated as part of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. This government-wide initiative calls for the development of a one-stop electronic grant portal where potential grant recipients will receive full service electronic grant administration. Grants.gov's "Find Grant Opportunities" (FIND) feature is now available. This newest addition to the Grants.gov site allows you to search for information on competitive grant opportunities from all 26 federal grant-making agencies from one location. You can also register to be notified automatically of future grant opportunities as they are added to the site. After October 1, 2003, all competitive grant announcements will be posted on Grants.gov. The "Apply for Grants" (APPLY) feature allows grantors to post grant application

packages and grant seekers to access and submit applications – all in a single, online location. The APPLY feature will be launched on October 31, 2003. The Grants.gov team has created a range of online customer support tools to help grantors and grant seekers transition from current processes to using Grants.gov. For more information, go to the site - www.Grants.gov - or contact 1-800-518-GRANTS or support@grants.gov.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The GIRC provides technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but does require an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

New Federal Grant Application Requirement.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers will be required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

Nonprofit Feedback Needed. *The Touch DC Coalition* formed last year to encourage people in the Washington area to become loyal contributors to regional nonprofits through e-philanthropy at

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www.TouchDC.org. The Coalition is preparing for a major multi-media public awareness campaign in November and December 2003 to encourage residents to give to local nonprofits. Information gathered from a survey of local nonprofits will be used in the aggregate and will help the Touch DC Coalition build a case for donors and the media that our region's nonprofits need donations and volunteers. Please help by participating in this brief survey by September 30:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=31199262241>.

Register for the 5th Annual Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in partnership with the Washington Council of Agencies (WCA), will hold the 5th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference at the GWU Marvin Center on October 21, 2003. This year's theme will be "Partnerships: Creating Opportunities for All." The all day conference will include informational and "how to" sessions on a variety of topics such as area funding trends and strategies, e-grants, technology, board development, evaluation, and more. The cost will be \$45. For more information on the sessions and to register, contact WCA at (202) 457-0540; or go to:* <https://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=10140>.

Smart Growth. *The Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities has a members' profile database that can be searched by name, type of organizations, region, and/or issue. The website has additional resources on the topics of smart growth and community development. Visit the site at:* www.fundersnetwork.org.

Supplemental Services. *The U.S. Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII) will host a forum on the topic of supplemental services in relation to the No Child Left Behind Act. The U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, will be the keynote speaker. Representatives of American Institutes for Research, the Colorado Department of Education, and Sylvan Education Solutions will make additional presentations. This free event will take place on Thursday, September 25, from 2-3:30pm at the U.S. Capitol, Room HC-5. To RSVP, please e-mail OII.RSVP@ed.gov with*

your name, title, organization name, work address, phone and fax numbers. Registration closes September 22, 2003. For further information, contact Amber Hutchinson at (202) 401-0850.

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